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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF U.S. POSITION ON AUTOMATIC IMPORT LICENSING

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED AIL SYSTEM WITH OFFICIALS OF MINISTRY
OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. FOLLOWING ARE ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS SET FORTH PARA 4 REFTEL:

A.ON OBVIOUS FUNCTION OF AIL IN ISRAEL IS TO MONITOR
SOURCES OF SUPPLIES. ISRAEL DOES NOT IMPORT FROM ARAB
COUNTRIES AND REQUIRES LICENSES FOR ALL IMPORTS FROM
EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION, AIL IS USED
TO FOLLOW PRICE TRENDS. THAT IS, INDUSTRY EXPERTS AT
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO
CHECK ON PRICES BEFORE ISSUING LICENSE. TWO OBVIOUS
USES OF SUCH OPPORTUNITY ARE TO REVENT OVERPRICING
OF IMPORTS TO AVOID FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTROLS AND TO
AVOID DUMPING OF IMPORTS INTO ISRAEL. RECENTLY ENACTED
ANTI-DUMPING LEGISLATION HOWEVER, REQUIRES THAT
INITIATIVE FOR ANTI-DUMPING INVESTIGATION MUST COME
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FROM INJURED PARTY AND NOT FROM GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES
AS WAS POSSIBLE IN THE PAST.

B. GOI NOW ENDEAVORING TO SIMPLIFY IMPORT SYSTEM AND
ELIMINATED REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSES AS MUCH AS
POSSIBLE. UNDER EXISTING EC AGREEMENT, SIGNATORIES
CANNOT USE NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO REDUCE TRADE BETWEEN

ISRAEL AND EC.GOI OFFICIALS NOW STUDYING POSSIBILITY OF TRANSFERRING MOST OF COMMODITIES SUBJECT TO AIL TO FREE IMPORT LIST. HOWEVER, THESE OFFICIALS WOULD NOT ESTIMATE WHEN SUCH A SHIFT MIGHT TAKE PLACE.

C.ALL ITEMS NOT ON FREE IMPORT LIST OR SUBJECT TO DISCRETIONARY LICENSING ARE AUTOMATICALLY ON AIL.

D. AS FAR AS EMBASSY AWARE, AIL HAS NOT BEEN USED TO RESTRICT IMPORTS FROM U.S. LICENSES ARE GRANTED WITHIN THREE OR FOUR DAYS OF APPLICATION AND THERE HAVE NOT BEEN ANY CMPLAINTS TO THE EMBASSY BY IMPORTERS CONCERNING DELAYS IN ISSUANCE OFPERMITS

E. AS FAR AS U.S. EXPORTS CONCERNED, AIL IS NOT ADMINISTERED IN A DISCRIMINATORY WAY. AS POINTED OUT IN POINT A ABOVE, GOI DOES USE AIL TO RESTRICT IMPORTATION OR CONTROL IMPORTS FROM THOSE COUNTRIES WITH WHICH, FOR POLITICAL REASONS, IT IS NOT ANXIOUS TO ESTABLISH COMPLETELY FREE TRADE.
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